GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4562
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COLLECTION OF TAX BY PANCHAYAT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give power to Panchayats for collecting certain taxes to strengthen their financial resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Finance Commissions have made some suggestions in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU]

(a) to (d):- Article 243-H of the Constitution provides that the Legislature of a State may, by law authorise a Panchayat to levy, collect and appropriate taxes, duties, tolls and fees, in accordance with the procedure and subject to such limits as may be prescribed.
A Statement indicating the suggestions of State Finance Commissions for collection of certain taxes by Panchayats is annexed.

(e):- The Central Government have been pursuing the implementation of the recommendations of the respective State Finance Commissions with the States/UTs concerned.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a to d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4562 to be answered on 19.12.2000.

S.No. State/UT Recommendation of SFC for collection of taxes, namely-

1. Andhra Pradesh House tax, Vehicle tax, Tax on Agricultural land for specific purpose and Advertisement tax.

2. Assam Taxes on structure, tax on trades and callings, additional stamp duty on entertainment and water rate.

3. Gujarat Tax on lands, Octroi on animals and goods, pilgrim tax, tax on fairs, festivals and other entertainment, boats or animals used for riding, tolls on vehicles and animals, tax on dogs, general sanitary cess and cess on land revenue.

4. Himachal Prad House tax, local rate on lands, water rate, special tax for community services, profession tax and surcharge on stamp duty.

5. Karnataka Tax on buildings and lands, water rate, tax on entertainment other than cinematography shows, tax on non-motor vehicles and tax on advertisement and hoaldings.

6. Kerala Building tax, profession tax, land conversion cess and land cess.

7. Madhya Pradesh Cess on land revenue, property tax on lands or building or both, tax on private latrine, lighting tax, profession tax, tax on animals and vehicles and water rate.

8. Maharashtra Tax on buildings and lands, betterment charge on lands, water rate and octroi.

9. Manipur Tax on lands and buildings, lighting tax and conservancy rate.

10. Orissa Tax on vehicle, conservancy tax, lighting rate and drainage tax.

11. Punjab Tax on lands and buildings, profession tax, additional stamp duty on entertainment, water rate, lighting rate, conservancy rate and special tax on public utility works.

12. Rajasthan Tax on building, octroi on animals or goods, vehicle tax, pilgrim tax, water tax, tax on commercial crops and special tax on community services.

13. Tamil Nadu House tax, vehicle tax, tolls and tax on agricultural lands.

14. Tripura Tax on lands and buildings, additional stamp duty, entertainment tax, water rate, lighting rate, conservancy rate and tolls.

15. Uttar Pradesh Surcharge on land revenue, entertainment tax, tax on animals and vehicle, tax on persons, water rate and tax for other civic amenities.

16. West Bengal Tax on lands and buildings, additional stamp duty, additional duty on entertainment, water rate, lighting rate, conservancy rate, drainage rate and tolls.